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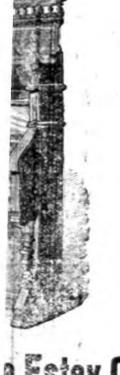
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That readler wit than mine, that sweeter face; Yea, since your riches make me rich, conceive I too am crowned, while bridal crowns I weave, And thread the bridal dance with joound pace. For if I did not love you, it might be That I should grudge you some one dear delight But since the heart is yours that was mine own,

Your pleasure is my pleasure, right my right, our honorable freedom makes me free, And you companioned I am not alone.

- Christina Boseffi, GEORGE ELIOTS EARLY RELIGIOUS

TENDENCIES. An important link in the chain of the great novelist's life has just been supplied by a grandson of "Dinah Bede's," now residing in Sheffield. He has in his possession a number of valuable letters written by George Eliot years ago to Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mr. Samuel Evans, the "Dinah Morris" and Seth Bede" of her most popular story. The letters are signed by the talented authoress in her maiden name, "Mary Ann Evans," and they are indited from Griff, and Foleshill, near Coventry, at which place she lived with her father during the years 1839 and 1840 and 1841. The gentleman who is the fortunate owner of these documents very properly looks upon them as great treasures; still he has allowed the writer the privilege of perusing them. Some of the letters are brown with age, and much worn at the edges and in the folding creases. Others least those dispatched in 1841, were sept to Hill's scheme for penny postage was carried into effect, and before envelopes had come into common use. They are written on the old-fashioned post paper, and the address, Mr. S. Evans, the Millhouses, Wirksworth. appears on the outer sheet. Beneath the irection is the word "free," indicating that George Eliot had paid for the transmission. Most of the epistles are addressed to "My dear uncle and aunt," and all reveal George

Eliot's great talents. The style is elegant and graceful, and the etters abound in beautiful metaphor; but their most striking characteristic is the religious tinge that pervades them all. Nearly every line denotes that George Eliot was an earnest Biblical student, and that she was, especially in the years 1839 and 1840, very anxious about her spiritual condition. In one of these letters, written from Griff to living in a dry and thirsty land, and that great sufferer with rheumatism for many she is looking forward with pleasure to a years. He used St. Jacobs Oil with spleadid visit to Wirksworth, and likens her aunt's companionship and counsel to a spring of pure water, acceptable to her as is the well dug for the traveller in the desert. Tha the most affectionate and loving relationship

existed between the eminent authoress and Mrs Elizabeth Evans, or "Dinah Bede," is apparent from this correspondence. The inmost secrets of George Kliot's heart are laid bare in these letters to the famous Methodist preacher, who was at that time her dearest friend. She is ever asking for advice and spiritual guidance, and confesses her faults with a candor that is rendered additionally attractive by reason of the polished language in which it is clothed.

When quite a girl George Eliot was known as pious and clever; and in the letters she wrote in 1839, when she was nineteen years old, the cleverness has grown and expanded. although she is not so sure about her piety. She says that "unstable as water thou shalt not excel" seems to be a description of her character, instead of the progress from strength to strength that should be experpresence of God. In another letter she admits that she cannot give a good account of her spiritual state, says that she has been surrounded by worldly persons, and that love of human praise is one of her great in 1840 the uncertainty has gone from her mind, and she writes that she has resolved Lovell Courter. in the strength of the Lord to serve Him evermore. In a later communication, however, that she is obliged to strive against the amhindrance to spiritual edvancement. Still she thinks it is no use sitting inactive with folded hands, and believing that the love of God is the only thing to give real satisfac- at any time, and he could afford to wait." One of the letters is chiefly devoted to the

future. Their outward circumstances, she writes, are all she can desire; but she is not so certain about her spiritual state, although she feels that it is the grace of God alone that can give the greatest satisfaction, Then she goes on to speak of the preacher at Foleshill, with whom she is not greatly pleased. "We get the truth; but it is not recommended by the mode of its delivery," is how she writes of this divine; yet she is charitable withal, and removes the sting by adding that more good may sometimes be obtained from humble instruments than must examine her own heart rather than rulers of less rank, and many Presidents. speak unkindly of the preacher. Up to this period it is evident that George

Dinah Bede" from Mrs. Issac Evans, of Griff, in which George Eliot is spoken of, and the change in her religious opinious indicated. Mrs. Evans writes that she is in great pain about Mary Ann; but the last portion of the letter dealing more fully with the subject, has unfortunately got lost or destroyed. The close association of George Eliot with Derbyshire, as well as her love for the quaint village of Wirksworth, and its upright, honest, God fearing people, breaks forth in more than one of these communications; but the writer has even strong er proof of her delight in the society of the 'Bedes," and the affection that grew so strong between the authoress and "Dinah

Sheffield has the honor of being the town in which Mary Evans, the daughter of "Dinah Morris," now lives. But it is uncleas for the curious to attempt to discover the lady, who is married and has changed her name. She remembers George Eliot's visits to her mother at Wirksworth, particularly in 1837, and denies that Mary Aun ever went to school in the village. She remembers, however, that George Eliot sometimes took notes of the conversations with her mother; and notwithstanding any statement to the contrary, is confident that three characters in "Adam Bede" are word photographs of her mother, Elizabeth Evans ; her father, Samuel Evans, and his brother, Robert Evans. The Evans family, she states, lived at Millhouses, about a mile beyond the village, on the Derby road ; and there were two daughters and five brothers. The lads were all joiners. Robert, the "Adam Bede" of George Eliet's story, was the eldest; and Samuel, the "Seth Bede" of the novel, who married " Dinah Morris," was the youngest, and became a partner in the tape mill Eliot, and went on a visit to her at Foliabill in 1849. He is spoken of as a wonderful man at argument; but when he returned to Wirksworth be said George Ellot had materially changed her views upon religious questions, and that he had tried in vain to bring her back to her former condition of thought. It was in the year that "Dinah" Bede" died : and the intimacy between the authoress and her Wirksworth friends grow less and less, possibly on account of her leaning toward heterodoxy, although she always had a warm place in her heart for the people in the old Derbyshire village, who had guided her along the picturesque paths of "Stoneyshire" in her youth, - Manchester

The New York Chipper lately cited the case of Captain Jacob Schmidt, of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., who had been a

FACETIQUE. Frogs and linards are often well-horn crea-

A man is very weak when he can't stand a "Please do not spit on the mirrors" is a conspicuous placard to the Omaha Opera House. Chimney-sweeping must be an agrocable busipeas, for it soots everybody who tries it .- Phila.

"Last but not leased"-s capitalist's meditation over a newly finished but unrented habite-

A great many editors when they write editorial notes, think rucfully of the notes coming

There is a writer on the Detroit Free Press who signs his communications "Yusef," Is his first name "You-know-how-it-is" !-- Cin. Bet. Night. A recipe for lemon ple vaguely adds: "Then

etantly .- Of Otty Derrick. When the Emperor William met the Cgar he embraced and klased him. Pretty girls must be awfully rare in Germany, or Augusta is aw fully jealous, one of the two.- Buton Tran

The wages of a laborer to Russia are eight cents for a day's work of fifteen hours, and he stumbling-blocks. But in a letter written "finds" himself. It is not stated where he finds An English gentlemen wishing to test the

she does not appear so confident, and admits | was at work mending a fence : "Bay, Pat, sup bition that fills her heart, and that her of us here, which do you suppose he would take fondness of worldly praise is a great bar and you or me ?" "On, faith yer honor, he'd take

"Forget you, my peerless," he eried, when they were yum-yumming their soft good-night concern felt by George Eliot at "Dinah devotion possessed by man! Forget you? The Bede's" illness; and another, written at heaving might fall, the tides cesse to chib and Poleshill, betrays some humor amid the flow, the sun and moon become stationary era trouble that afflicts the anthoress about her I'd for-" Then something fell on his head,

There are in the world about six thousand varieties of stamps. The museum at Berlin contains between four and five thousand specimens, half of which are from Europe, and the rest are from Asia, Africa, America and Australia. Among the many kinds of decorations which have been used an mamps are coats of arms, stars, eagles, tions, the efficies of five emperors, eightern kings, from the highest privileges, and that she three queens, one grand duke, several titled

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